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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue application of :
Kinam Park et al. :
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U.S. Serial No: 10/807,227 : Art Unit: 1711
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Filed: March 22, 2004 : Examiner: John M. Cooney
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For: HYDROGEL COMPOSITES AND :
SUPERPOROUS HYDROGEL COMPOSITES :
HAVING FAST SWELLING, HIGH : Confirmation No: 1689
MECHANICAL STRENGTH, AND :
SUPERABSORBENT PROPERTIES :

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, James H. Meadows hereby declare the following:

1. The invention defined by claims 1-40 in the above-identified patent application was constructively reduced to practice prior to May 7, 1997, the effective date of the cited Hahnle et al. reference.
2. In support of the fact that the claimed invention was completed prior to May 7, 1997, the undersigned states that a final draft of the instant patent application was forwarded by him to inventor Kinam Park for review on May 2, 1997. After due search by the undersigned and the


inventors, a copy of that draft is unavailable for submission and consideration by the examiner. In lieu thereof, the undersigned states that, to the best of his recollection, no material changes were made to the May 2, 1997 draft prior to filing on May 13, 1997.

3. In addition, the Rule 131 Declaration filed December 6, 2006 has established that all 16 specific examples in the application were described in the attached Exhibit A, entitled "Synthesis of Superporous Hydrogel Composites with Fast Swelling, High Mechanical Strength, and Superabsorbent Properties", which was prepared by the inventors and sent by courier to the law firm, Lowe, Price, LeBlanc & Becker, on December 16, 1996 for preparation and filing of the patent application.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

June 25, 2007

Date


James H. Meadows